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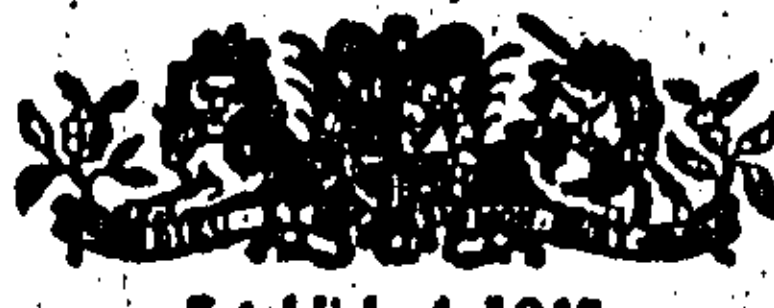
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ONE STEP NEARER

IRAQ has left the Baghdad Pact. The only surprise is that it took eight months to make the break. It was obvious from the start of the bloody revolution which swept Nuri and Faisal from power that the new rulers wanted no help from the West. Since Kassem came to power, Iraq has attended no meetings of the Pact and showed not the slightest interest in it. Its foreign policy has been clearly hostile to the West. In fact, it openly sides with Russia. The West wrote off Iraq when Faisal fell to the assassin's bullets. Today Iraq is jubilant. Baghdad Radio says: "We are free. We have shaken off the last shackles of imperialism." And then, almost in the next breath, it announces a new aid agreement with Russia worth £50 million. It seems Iraq is due for a shock. Nasser's United Arab Republic also thought of firing with Russia would not impair independence until subversion crept in disguised as economic aid. And today relations between Cairo and Moscow are worse than those between Nasser's republic and America.

Tin Gods

WHAT Kassem ignores—as Nasser also ignored—is the stimulating effect of Soviet assistance on the local Communist party. It turns into little tin gods. They promptly demand a share in running the country, or if they already have one, a greater share. In Kassem's Iraq, the local Communists are already strong. The break with the West and the new ties with Russia can only enhance their prestige. We warned a fortnight ago, Iraq was in for serious trouble following the Mosul revolt. That prediction has been reinforced by the latest events. Nasser still believes he has been singled out by destiny to lead the Arab people to independence. Kassem's headstrong defiance of the architect of this pan-Arab renaissance is about the most wounding slight he could deal the UAR dictator. In self-protection he seeks closer ties with the power which has so recently tried to wrest leadership from the Egyptians. Contempt follows swiftly on the heels of provocation, Iraq's renunciation of the Baghdad Pact means little to the West. But it beckons Nasser one step nearer Kassem's throat.

MP ALLEGES 'GRAVE NEGLECT' OF HK PEOPLE I ACCUSE GRANTHAM

Legislative Council Also Under Fire

London, March 25. A labour MP, Mr Ernest Thornton, tonight accused Sir Alexander Grantham of "grave neglect" of the people of Hongkong while he was Governor. He told the House of Commons, in a debate on colonial development, that labour laws in Hongkong provided for no weekly day of rest for anyone except people below the age of 16.

Easter Holiday Publishing Arrangements

The China Mail will not be published tomorrow. Publication will resume on Saturday. On Monday, the China Mail will be on sale before noon. The SCM Post will be published as usual tomorrow but not on Saturday. The Sunday Post Herald will be published as usual.

HK Junk In Bombay

Bombay, March 26. Five Spaniards and a Chinese who left Hongkong for Barcelona in the 50-ton junk Rubia on January 17 have arrived in Bombay. They hope to reach their destination in August. The skipper, Don Jose Maria Toy, a 38-year-old industrialist, said the worst part of the trip so far was the six-day cruise across the China Sea where waves were about 30 feet high. But the tiny Rubia will probably face worse conditions between Bombay and Aden because of the monsoon-like conditions existing there, London Express Service.

Edith Will March In Disarmament Parade

London, March 25. Dr Edith Summerskill, one-time Labour Minister of National Insurance, will be among 700 demonstrators setting off on Good Friday from the atomic weapons research establishment at Aldermaston on a 53-mile trek to London.

The 58-year-old MP will address the marchers before they set off. They will file past the establishment in silence but for the sound of muffled drum beats beating out the letters "N.D." (Nuclear Disarmament).

Trafalgar Square

Canon L. J. Collins, Chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, said today he understood Dr Summerskill will march part of the way to the first night's resting place at Reading.

The demonstrators, who will complete the march over the Easter holiday, arrive in London's Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday to join a party at which members of the campaign will speak. As on the march last Easter—four days from Aldermaston—the demonstrators will sleep in village and church halls en route.

Impression

Canon Collins said they were marching in the opposite direction this year "because we don't want to give an impression we are against scientists at Aldermaston." "They are doing a job to earn their bread and butter. We are going to the centre of the matter in London which keeps Aldermaston going." The demonstrators will come from all parts of the country, and from as far away as Greenland, Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.—Reuters.



EDITH SUMMERSKILL She'll do the first night.

HK—Bound Ship Seized At Suez

Cairo, March 25. The Egyptian Suez Canal authorities today seized the 7,233-ton Greek ship, Nikolas Kefis carrying goods from Haifa (Israel) to Hongkong and Tokyo. The ship was carrying 4,500 tons of cement and 9,000 tons of scrap iron.—France-Press.

NATO BASE IN SCOTLAND

London, March 25. A North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) base is to be set up in Western Scotland, probably on the island of Stornoway in the Hebrides, Defence Minister Duncan Sandys told the House of Commons today.—France-Press.

London Refused Permission To Fight Patterson



BRIAN LONDON — A £26,500-blow

London, March 25. The British Boxing Board of Control today refused permission for Brian London to fight Floyd Patterson, the holder, for the World Heavyweight title.

London, former British champion, had made formal application to the Board after being matched to meet Patterson in Las Vegas in April. UNANIMOUSLY But the Board's stewards, meeting here today, unanimously decided to turn down the request as not being in the best interests of British boxing. The Board's decision is a £26,500-blow to 24-year-old London, son of Jack London, also a former British champion.

The match was announced here a week ago by Mr Harry Levine, the London promoter, acting on behalf of Patterson's manager, Brian London, who was already in training, planned to fight New York this week with his father to sign the contract.

London is ranked fifth contender in the American National Boxing Association world heavyweight rankings. He lost his British and British Empire titles to Henry Cooper last January.

STILL READY In an interview on television tonight, Brian London said his first reaction to the Board's decision was that he was sorry. "It is too bad, because I am still ready to go."

Asked about the possibility of his being named as he ignored the Board's decision, he said: "I shall be quite happy to fight in America, they rank me No. 5 and that is good enough for me."

He added that there was always the chance of him, winning the title. If he did, he would be ready to defend it. In Las Vegas—two members of the Nevada Boxing Commission said that the Patterson-London Heavyweight fight would take place unless a request to stop it was made by the British Board of Boxing Control "giving a good reason."—Reuters.

Pamela Dies Alone

New York, March 25. The Bronx Zoo's last duck-billed platypus, Pamela, was found dead in the platypusery this afternoon. Dr James A. Oliver, director of the zoo, said it would make no further attempt to secure and keep the strange Australian mammal.—U.P.I.

ABROGATES TREATY WITH CHINA

Tibet Declares Itself Independent

London, March 26. Tibet has declared itself independent of Chinese control, The Times reported today.

In a dispatch from Kullmpong, The Times said the Kullmpong, or Supreme Tibetan Cabinet, unanimously denounced a 17-point treaty with China on the ground of persistent violations by the Chinese. Tibet signed an agreement on May 23, 1951, accepting Chinese suzerainty over its territory. The agreement followed a Chinese military invasion on eastern Tibet in October, 1950.

Withdrawn

It is this treaty, The Times reported, that Tibet had abrogated. "Since the moment of this desperate and monumental gesture, the whereabouts of the Dalai Lama has been unknown," the Times said. "It is conceivable that he may still be in Lhasa, or already a prisoner in Chinese hands. The most likely assumption seems to be that, having put himself at the head of the national movement, he has withdrawn to some part of Tibet where he may be, for the time being, out of Chinese reach," it said.

The Times correspondent said the declaration of independence came a week ago. He quoted "circumstantial reports" reaching Kalimpong, on the Indo-Tibetan border, as the source of his information. His report said the declaration of the Kullmpong proclaiming Tibet independent called on the Chinese occupation forces to withdraw.

Manifesto

The 1951 suzerainty agreement allowed the Communist Army entry into Tibet and permitted establishment of a Chinese military and administrative headquarters. The Times correspondent said the declaration of independence was on Page 2, Col. 6.

Dalai Lama's Palace Reduced To Shambles

Calcutta, March 25. Norbulinka, the Dalai Lama's palace outside Lhasa, has been reduced to a shambles by heavy Chinese artillery, an Indian newspaperman wrote today after visiting Gangtok, capital of Sikkim state on the Tibetan frontier. The newspaperman, the Darjeeling correspondent of the Calcutta Statesman, also learned in Gangtok that a staff member of the Indian Constable-General in Lhasa was killed when the building was hit by 50 or 60 shots.

SPIRITED AWAY

The Statesman's correspondent said it was known that resistance forces at present occupy an area roughly quarter of Tibet with a population of 5,500,000 and a standing army of 400,000. Their domain stretches from Lho-Dzong to Nagar Tse-Zong. He said it appeared "reasonably certain" that the Dalai Lama was safe, but that his whereabouts remained a mystery. Corbin sources in Gangtok believed that recent incidents in Lhasa were provoked to draw the attention of the Chinese away while resistance forces "spirited away" the Dalai Lama.—France-Press.

Assassination Attempt On Ex-Premier

Fort Lamy (Chad Republic), March 25. Chad's ex-Premier Jean-Baptiste Kouamallah, escaped death by a knife's breadth in the Legislative Assembly here today when a man took advantage of an invasion of bats to fall on him with a drawn dagger.

Halfway through the meeting, part of the ceiling collapsed, dislodging myriads of bats into the chamber. In the ensuing scramble for the exit, the would-be assassin fought his way to Kouamallah's side and tried to stab him, but the ex-Premier overpowered him. After the man and the bats were removed, the session continued normally.—France-Press.

Chair Flew Out Of Window

London, March 25. Three young Canadians from Vancouver wrecked their furnished London flat during a late-night drinking session after buying a ten-gallon keg of cider, a London court was told today.

When police approached the flat at two o'clock in the morning a chair came flying out of a window, it was alleged. Apparently the men had been quarrelling among themselves, a detective said.

They were conditionally discharged for one year today after being ordered each to pay £25 compensation to the landlord.—China Mail Special.

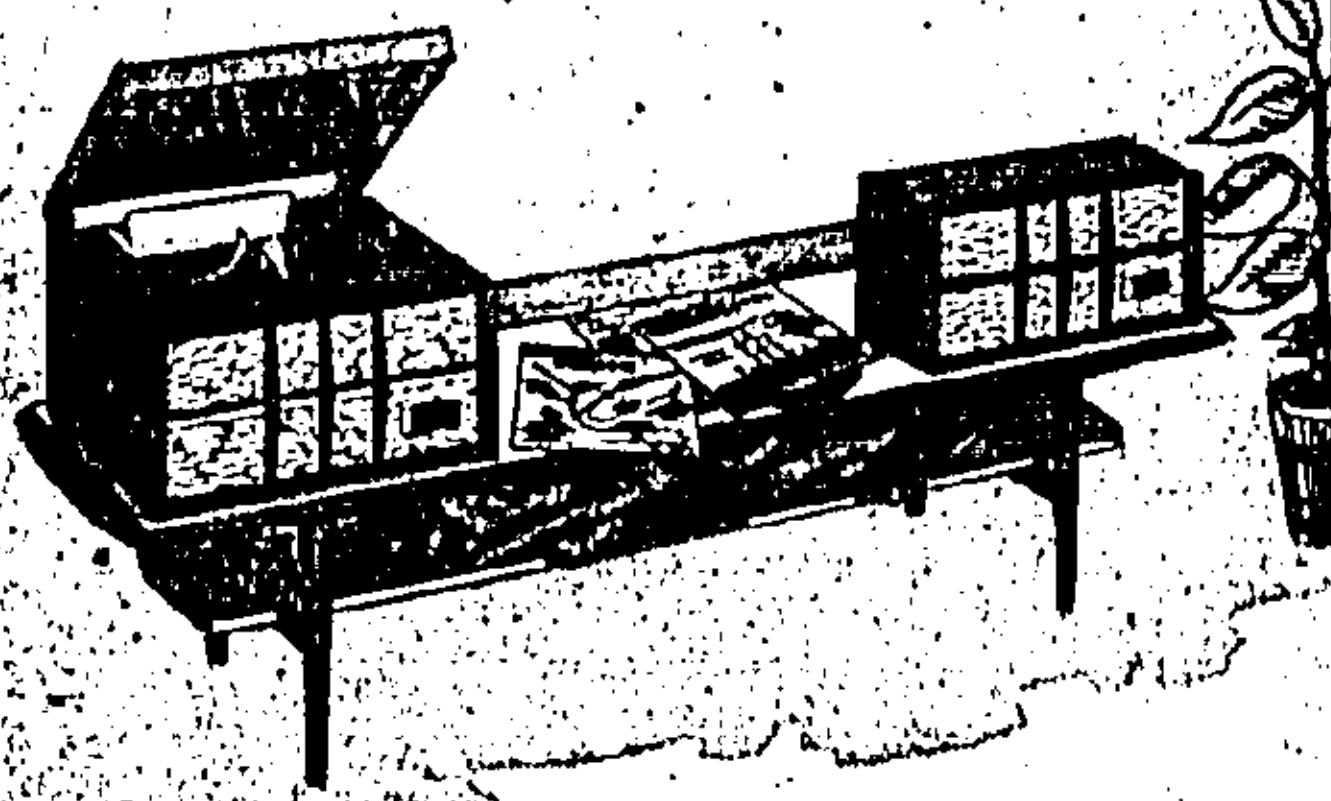


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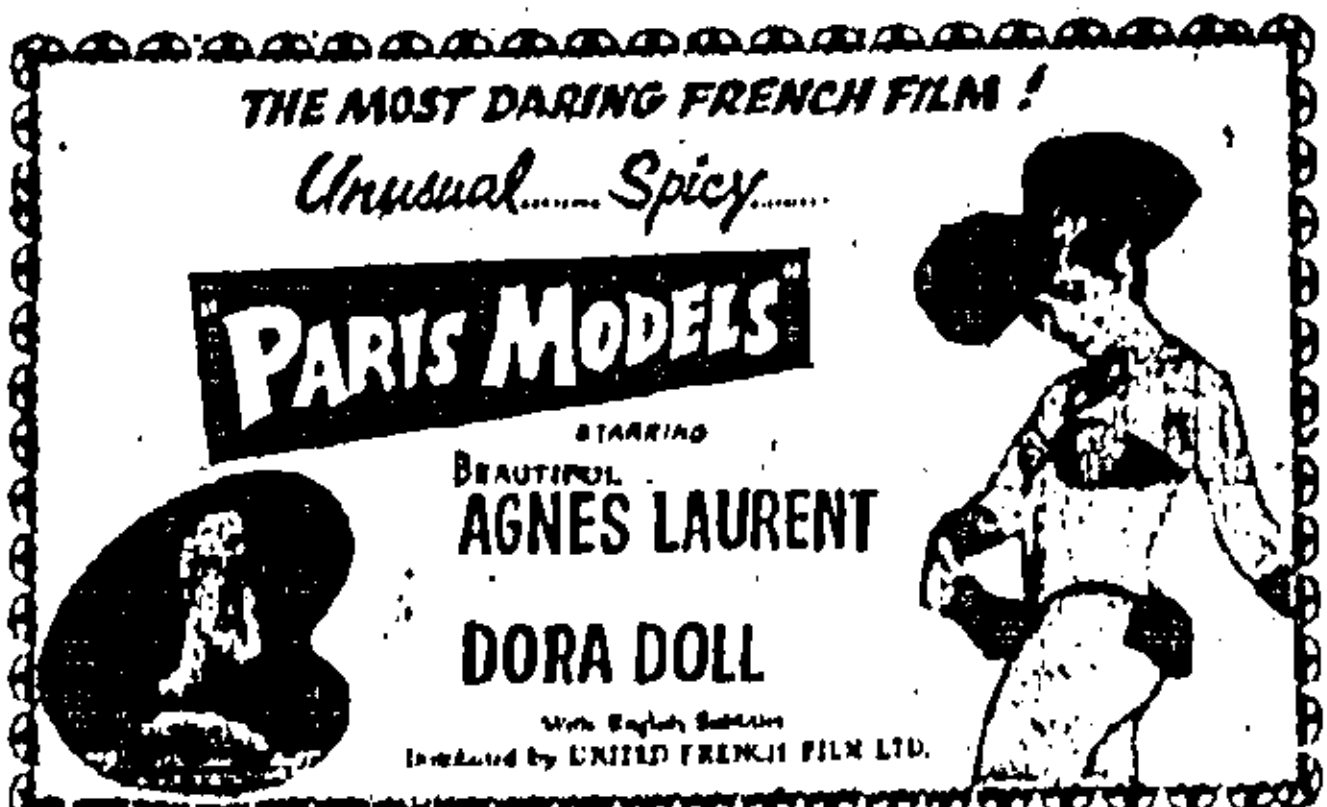
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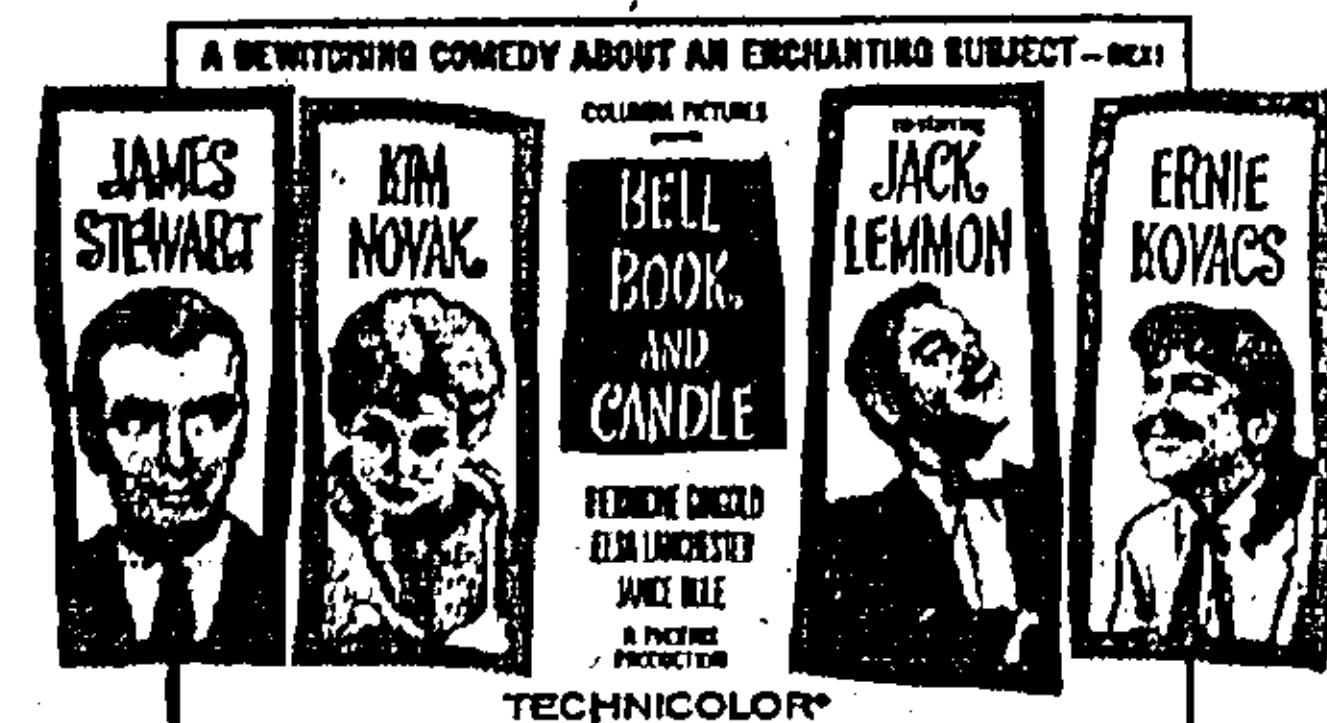
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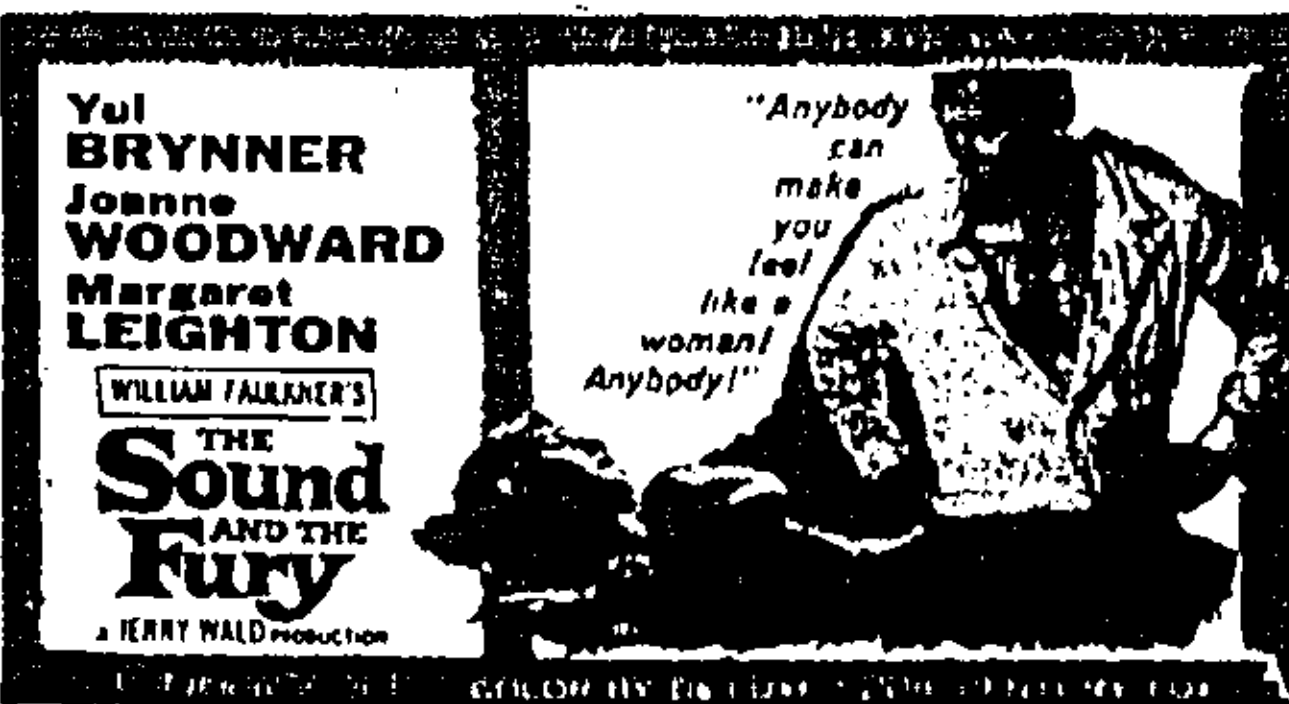
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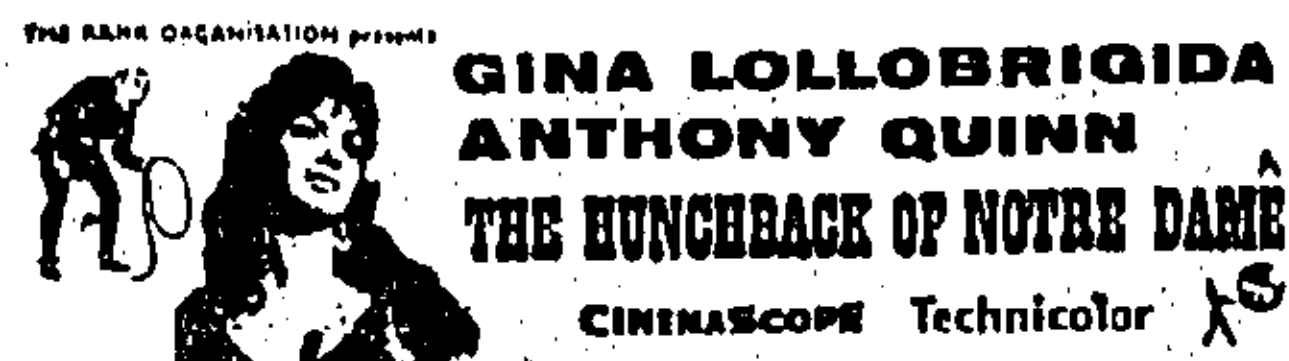
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NEXT CHANGE: Gary COOPER in
"MAN OF THE WEST"

I Accuse Grantham

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We shall go further along the road in which we have been travelling."

Mr Amery said both he and the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, would be prepared to discuss this particular problem of Hongkong in greater detail on another occasion. But he thought there were genuine difficulties in attempting to deal with it by "tacking on this particular clause to this bill."

The bill which was later passed increases the amount of money available for colonial development and welfare schemes from £220 million to £315 million and authorises loans to colonial governments up to a total of £100 million.

—Reuter.

Thefts From Parked Cars

A handbag, containing a sum of money and two fountain pens to a total value of \$65, was stolen from a private car parked outside No. 4, Jordan Road at about 5 p.m. yesterday.

At about 1.30 a.m. yesterday, a Chinese man was arrested for the theft of clothing valued at \$40 from a private car parked in Canton Road.

Registrations Cancelled

The registration of the Kowloon Hotel and Boarding House Masters Association and the Tsimshatsui Hotel and Boarding House Masters Association have been cancelled. The Registrar of Trade Unions, Mr H. J. Crutwell revealed in today's Government Gazette.

Man Injured

A 50-year-old man was knocked down and injured by a private car in Hennessy Road near Tin Lok Lane shortly after 7 a.m. today. The man, Sheung of No. 34, Bowring Road, ground floor was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

A nine-year-old boy, Cheung Yung-chung of No. 10, Lock Road, second floor, sustained injuries last night when he fell from a bicycle near his home.

ED Clasp

The Third Clasp to the Efficiency Decoration has been awarded to the late Hon. Colonel of the Hongkong Regiment, Colonel Evan G. Stewart. It was announced in today's Gazette.

WHY KASSEM WAITED 8 MONTHS TO QUIT PACT

Beirut, March 25.

Iraq withdrew from the Baghdad pact because of overwhelming commitments for the Soviet Union to bolster the country's economic and military development.

Lebanese observers said the Iraqi Premier, General Abdel Karim Kassem, felt his nation's security would not be threatened if he withdrew from the pact.

Diplomats pointed out that it took Kassem eight months before he withdrew from the pact (since the July revolt) during which Iraq could have invoked military assistance if attacked by the United Arab Republic.

No Longer Useful

On the other hand, Premier Kassem, who has been under Communist pressure to with-

draw from the pact since the revolt, gave way because Iraq's membership served no more useful purpose, observers said.

The Iraqi Government formally ratified an economic agreement for a 550-million-rouble loan from the Soviet Union yesterday prior to the official announcement of the nation's withdrawal from the Baghdad pact.—U.P.I.

America Tells More About Space A-Blasts

Washington, March 25.

"Project Argus," the high altitude atomic blasts by the United States last September, created a man-made shell of electrons around the earth ranging to an altitude of about 4,000 miles, government scientists said today.

This radiation was stronger than the surrounding natural radiation.

But the scientists said it would not have been stronger than natural radiation at its "holiest" in the Van Allen Radiation Belt encircling the earth.

These were salient points of the preliminary scientific findings of the long-secret Argus experiment.

The report, made public by the White House, did not go into military aspects of the

findings, which remained a close secret.

But the report said: "The scientific aspects of these experiments... are regarded by many participants as one of the major achievements of the International Geophysical Year."

Details

In general, today's report drawn up by President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee and the JGY committee of the National Academy of Sciences, did little more than fill in details of earlier accounts of the experiment and its results.

The shell of electrons created by the atomic blasts decayed in the period following the three explosions, which took place on August 27 and 30 in the early morning and on September 6 shortly before midnight GMT.

The report said: "Because of the small yields involved and the high altitude of the bursts, there was no fallout hazard."

The exact altitude of the bursts was not made known, but the New York Times report which broke the story last week said it was 300 miles.

"A fascinating sequence of observations was obtained," today's report said.

Flash

"The brilliant initial flash of the burst was succeeded by a fainter but persistent auroral luminescence in the atmosphere extending upwards and downwards along the magnetic line of force through the burst point.

Almost simultaneously at the point where this line of force returns to the earth's atmosphere in the Northern Hemisphere, near the Azores Islands, a bright auroral glow appeared in the sky.

"For the first time in history measured geophysical phenomena on a world-wide scale were being related to a quantitatively known cause—namely, the injection into the earth's magnetic field of a known quantity of electrons of known energies at a known position and at a known time."—Reuter.

Tibet Declares Itself Independent

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dependence grew out of a manifesto put forward by "some 5,000 Tibetan women on March 12."

Two days earlier, the Times said, the Chinese Commander delivered an "invitation, or summons, to the Dalai Lama," ostensibly for a military display. The Dalai Lama was to have attended the display alone, without protection and without cabinet members in attendance.

"Within a short time, a crowd of some 30,000 was besieging the Norbulingka Palace demanding that the Dalai Lama should not go," the Times said.

Denouncing

Even after the "invitation" was duly declined, crowds remained in Lhasa's streets, the Times said. Then on March 12, "some 5,000 Tibetan women endeavoured unsuccessfully to persuade the Dalai Lama, Nepal and Bhutan to accompany them... to the Chinese Foreign Bureau to witness the depositing of a manifesto denouncing the 17-point treaty and demanding the Chinese withdrawal," the Times said.

"This undelivered manifesto in turn gradually took on the significance of a national declaration of independence, and by the time it was finally delivered to the Chinese had been signed by representatives of the principal monasteries, members of the Grand National Assembly, and lastly by the entire cabinet," the Times report said.—U.P.I.

Struck Off

The name of International Chemicals Ltd will be struck off the register and the company dissolved in three months unless cause is shown to the contrary, it was announced in today's Government Gazette. The name of Yung Yip Vacuum Flask Manufacturing Co Ltd has been struck off the register and the company dissolved, the Gazette said.

Cancellation

The licences of the Hongkong Trust Corporation Ltd and the Banco Nacional Ultramarino (Hongkong branch) have been cancelled, it was revealed in today's Government Gazette.

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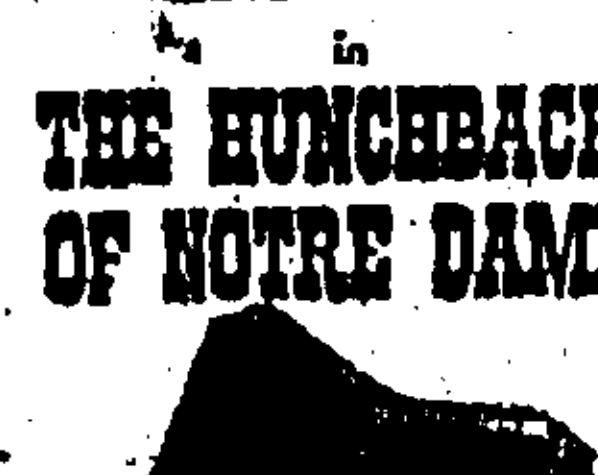


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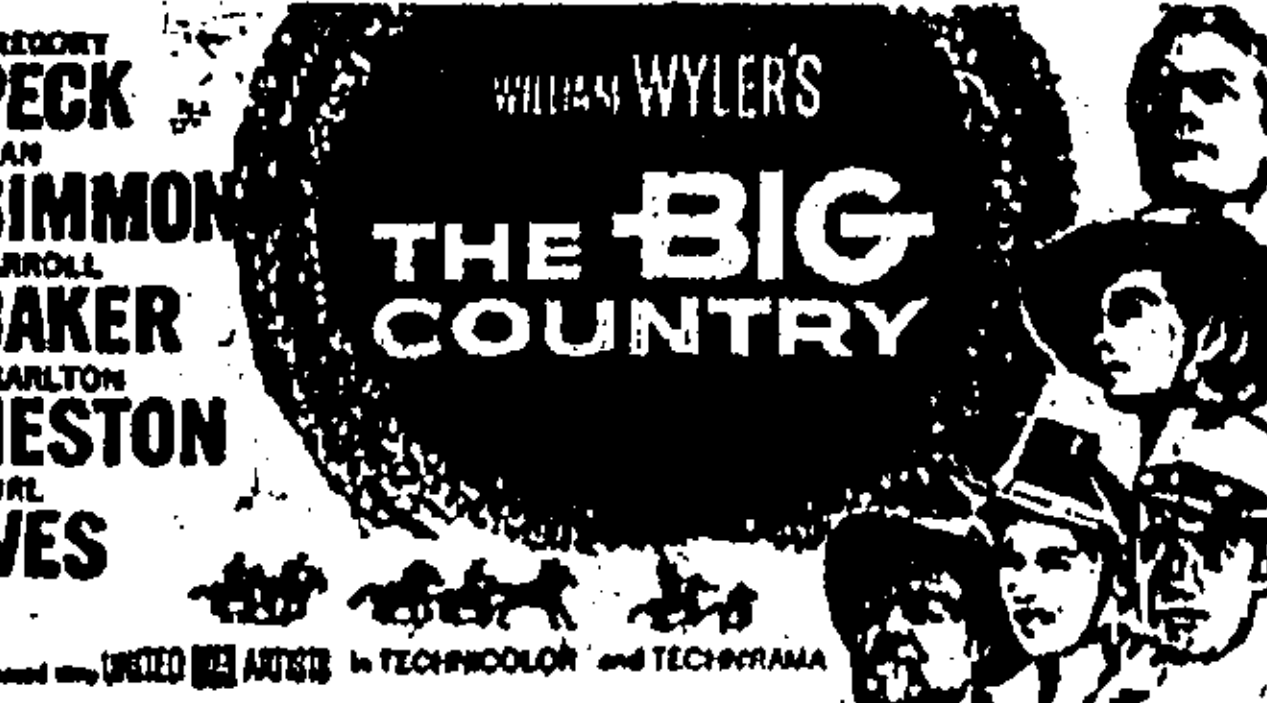
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The housewife keeps a rifle in the cupboard

THE mountain of the leopards springs up from the bush and goes on climbing until it disappears suddenly into the rain clouds. It towers over a trim white bungalow with a neat lawn and a garden of tropical flowers.

Indoors, where the cool stone floors are polished bright, Roger Laycock jumps to his feet, shouting "There's someone coming," grabs his gun and bounds to the door.

Caution

This is Nyasaland where a visitor is not always welcome. He might well be a rioter.

Roger, his hair bleached fair by the African sun, is only five. His gun is a toy rifle.

Today's state of emergency is a new game to him. But it is no make-believe for his mother, a wartime Wren who served with the Royal Navy at the Isle of Wight, and settled down to married life on a Nyasaland tea plantation 10 years ago.

She is Mrs Dorothy Laycock, one of the 11 British wives who have found themselves in the thick of the troubles at Mlanje district, 70 miles out in the bush country from here.

Home guard

Her husband, Donald, is a government tea research officer who comes from Pontefract in Yorkshire. At the moment he is also the commander of the local Home Guard.

Slim and well sunburned, 39-year-old Mrs Laycock was breakfasting her younger son Simon, aged six months, when I called on her and Roger came

running to the door with gun in hand.

Seven miles down the road African rioters were looting shops which Indian merchants had just evacuated, and the wind-down of the bungalow were rattling as a convoy of troopers raced by.

"Come in and have a cup of tea," said Mrs Laycock, as though nothing out of the ordinary was happening around her.

While we talked the telephone rang every few minutes with news for her husband. "There's a mob heading down towards the tea factory," or "Five Africans are coming your way on the main road and they've all got planks of wood."

Almost as often our words were drowned by the engine of a security spotter aircraft flying at roof height looking for distress signals.

"We are not getting alarmed about this emergency," said Mrs Laycock, "and people at home mustn't think we are in terrible danger every minute. It's not like that. But we are being prudent and taking every precaution."

Another telephone call came, from a friend or a neighbouring plantation to see if all was well. "Just can't get through to John, his line must be cut. I've told the District Commissioner."

Each night now three other British families move into the

From MARK WILSON: Blantyre

home of Mrs Laycock, who comes from Rhiwbina, near Cardiff. The men, rifles at hand, stand guard while the women watch over the children.

"It's just like the old war days. Everyone joins in to make the best of it," says Mrs Laycock.

During the day now she will be left alone a lot of the time. "But I have got a rifle locked away in the cupboard so I can look after myself," she says meaningly.

"I just have a job seeing that Roger doesn't stray out of my sight. I used to let one of my four African houseboys look after him in the garden but I wouldn't do it now." And in the plantations which surround her bungalow another 120 Africans work.

Carries on

But still Mrs Laycock carries on with her normal daily routine, which includes being a schoolmistress for two and a half hours each morning helping Roger through his correspondence school exercises.

She has also to be a nurse, bandaging the cuts and wounds of the African labourers who have accidents at work.

And now, like all the other European women in the district, she is cooking bread and cakes

for the territorial soldiers camped nearby. "It was to have been puddings today, but they are all out on duty so it's no good cooking them," laughed Mrs Laycock.

Leaving her just as more telephone reports came in of rioters blocking the roads, I asked Mrs Laycock how the women in the district were reacting generally to the emergency.

Her husband spoke first with obvious pride: "I'll answer that one. They're absolutely magnificent. They just couldn't be better."

Jitters

"Some of the men might have the jitters now and again but not the women. There's not a single one who has let the side down. And they never will."

The nearest European shop for Mrs Laycock and her friends is 10 miles away: to buy clothes she has to travel the 70 miles to Blantyre; an essential item to be kept in the refrigerator is an anti-malaria bite kit, and malaria tablets are as important as food.

It is a tough life for British women in Nyasaland — and they treat a state of emergency as just another problem to be overcome.

(London Express Service).

JUST FANCY THAT...

JAMES RAYMOND SWANSTON left a police dance to go to a party. He knocked at the door of a house at 2 a.m. and was refused admission.

So he blacked the eye of Captain Richard Williams, of the U.S. Air Force. Swanston, aged 46, was fined £50 by Burnham, Buckinghamshire, magistrates, for attacking Captain Williams. The party was being held in the house next door to Captain Williams.

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A MAN mistook a plate glass window for the door of a South Shields shop and walked clean through it. He was unhurt.

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PRISON OFFICERS opened the gaol gates wide for the warden's car to pass out. Police saluted. But an hour later the warden appeared, asking for his car.

A hasty roll-call revealed that 37-year-old Alfred Donati — prisoner at Fresnes Gaol, Paris — was missing. The car was found in Paris. But it no longer had a driver.

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QUOTE by Russian magazine New Time: "Moscow has everything, except hair-raised women in night clubs, which are of no interest to anyone whose thoughts are on the progress of mankind."

QUOTE

—by Mrs Jean Mann (Soc., Coalbridge and Aldrie), in the Commons:—

I HAVE had six confinements, and never yet had one in hospital. To me a birth is a very happy thing to take place in my own home. My husband liked the idea because it provided a grand excuse for entertaining all his friends and "wetting the baby's head."

—by Mr H. S. Kemble, a former deputy chief constable, writing in the Police Chronicle about the revival of "police ideals":—

THE blackest desperado senses and respects greatness of heart and mind in another man or woman. He might appear to ridicule it, he might laugh at it, and he might swear about it, but he recognises and fears and respects it.

—by Marlborough Street magistrate, Mr Clyde Wilson, in dismissing an obstruction charge against a young student who refused to "move on" when told to by a policeman in Soho:—

WHY should he move? This is not a police State yet.

(London Express Service).

ODD MAN OUT—BY JAK



"One half's got the flu, the other half's got sunstroke—and you have to win the poo's!"

London Express Service.

Let's ask the Martians to tea!

NOW steady yourself, don't get excited. It's only a flying saucer. Just keep calm — and send out friendly thoughts.

Main thing is not to show any sign of fear — or let the "occupants" feel unwelcome. So beam with welcome — and see what happens.

These are your instructions if you should wake up at Whitson and find a flying saucer on your front lawn. It is more likely to

happen at Whitson because there are several thousand people all over the world who will be willing to do

perhaps his shoes which have no cycles. He looks more like an ambassador to Outer Space than a chief investigator. But it is due to his enthusiasm that Britain is first in the field in the matter of inviting saucers to land.

And the chances are that space-people, who are believed to be tuned in to this sort of thing, may take heed of our telepathic invitations and make a landing.

Their choice is likely to be England because the whole idea emanates from England in the first place.

Yes, dear old England is out there in front, pioneering yet once more.

The British are organising the world's first International Flying Saucer Contact Week-end which should pass the time nicely if it rains.

The chief

Top man in saucer-spotting (the saucer likes it if you call him a saucer) is a tall, handsome son of noble blood — and prolonged nomenclature — the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench.

Besides being the son of the 11th Earl of Clancarty, he is the Chief Investigator of the International UFO Observer Corps which organises spotters all over the world, and Editor of the Flying Saucer Review (which has 2,000 readers).

He is 47 and lives in Port Lligo, which is a fashionable "mother" ship (cigar shape), which off-load nine gleaming offspring.

Never mind, invite them all in — they can't be any worse than some of our human young.

I see for myself

ANNE SHARPLEY



You can make yourself available to receive messages from them by (a) putting your wireless at their disposal by setting it on a clear channel in the hope that space people will use it for contact; (b) trying the same thing with your television set.

Or you can boldly set out to contact them by (a) light beam radio equipment made up of a car spotlight, a dry battery, a resistor, a carbon microphone and a wireless handymen; (b) telepathy — which is what Mr le Poer Trench will be trying himself over the Whitson weekend.

Just radiate your friendly thoughts saying how you've always wanted to meet a spaceman (woman, child, dog, cat).

The ships

Now what will your space ship look like, when you've enticed it down? Mr le Poer Trench produces a mass of these rather fuzzy photographs that are always absolute proof to the believer and no proof at all to the sceptic.

I can tell you that saucers come in two shapes. Circular or cigar-shaped. These two shapes, according to Mr le Poer Trench, have been observed throughout history, by the ancient Hindus (who called them virmas — celestial cars) onwards.

So it seems that spacemen don't change their model of saucer too often.

Your space-ship may be "35ft. in diameter, in translucent metal. Or it may be one of the 'mother' ships (cigar shape), which off-load nine gleaming offspring.

(London Express Service).

SELECTION

by Friell



"I'm not taking any chances and I'm not calling in Billy Hill."

BOAC

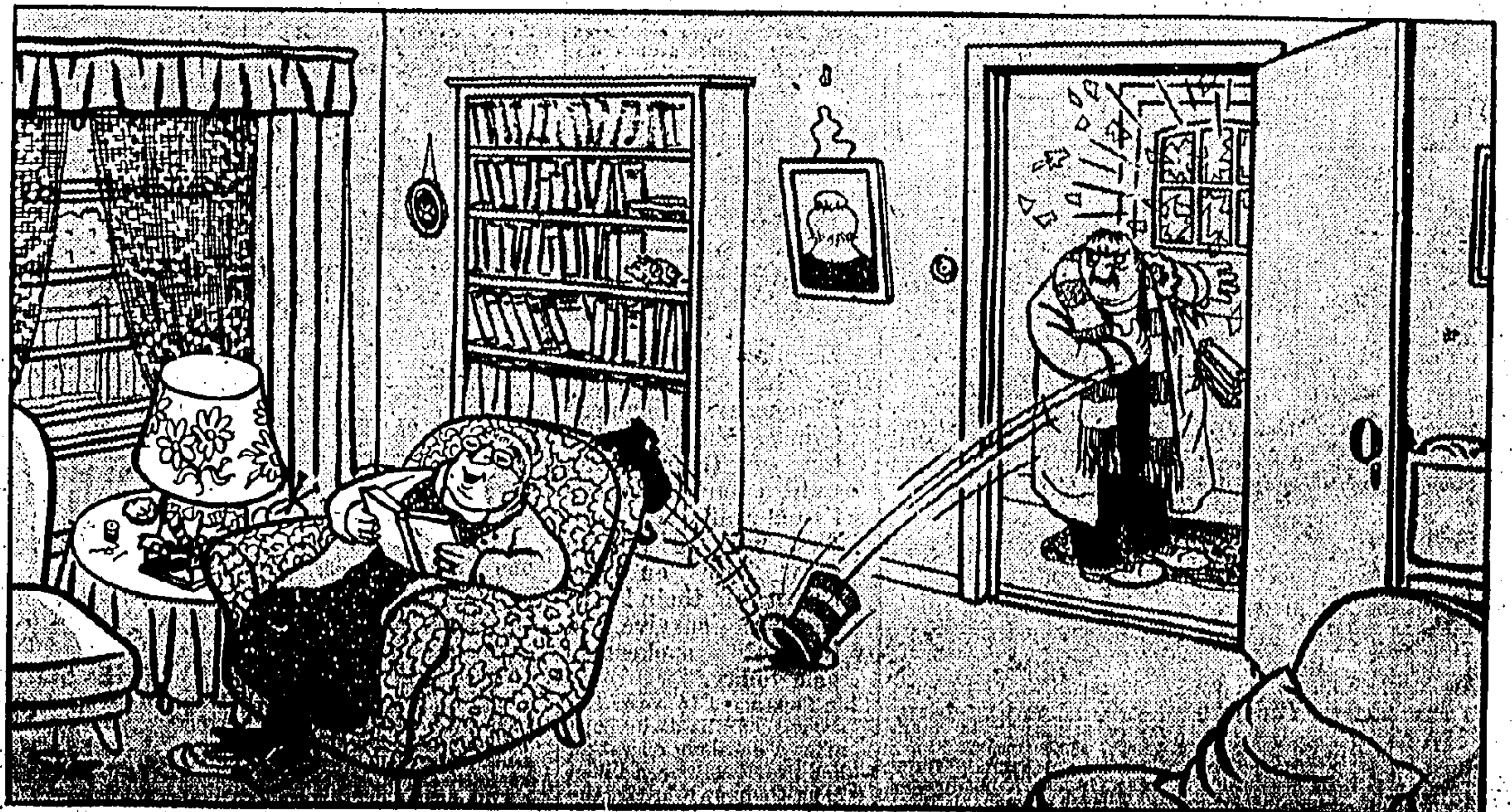
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"Well, will your team be in the final, dear?"

WOMANSENSE

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

BORN today you have a deep, introspective nature. You think a great deal and have your plans well mapped out ahead of time. You have a fine sense of humor but it does, at times, run toward the sarcastic.

Since you have been given the power of literary expression, you may discover that you will do your best work in this field. You will be able to express your thoughts in a manner pleasing to all. Whether people agree with your ideas is another point, but even if they differ with you in opinion, they will honor you for your convictions.

You are rather moody at times, and those who do not realize this are perplexed. When in a bad mood, you are gay and out-going.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Take care, early this morning, when it comes to deciding partnership business matters. He advises.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't get into even a minor dispute this morning or it could turn into a real argument by evening.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)—If you are feeling fit, all in wonderful. There is a new, exciting, take steps to stay healthy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—You will do well to follow intuitive advice this morning. Don't let an outside change your mind.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)—Prudent action is the best policy right now. Leave experimentation until another day.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Watch your step all today and tomorrow. You could make a wrong decision and ruin your future prospects.

BORN today you are a good organizer. You like to plan things on a large scale and then have a small army of workers to direct. You are good at planning. You have a clear, powerful mind and make all your decisions wisely and quickly. There is a new, exciting, take steps to stay healthy.

You are a natural money-maker and seem to know how to use your money to earn more money. You put your capital to work for you so that it is not idle. It will become quite wealthy. Early in life, but since you believe in enjoying the pleasures of life, you will be generous and, at times, even lavish in your giving. You enjoy a good time and want to see that others have one too. You enjoy traveling and probably will visit many

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Conditions are somewhat unsettled today, so exercise your common sense carefully.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—A good day to start on a new project if you are contemplating one. Be sensible in making plans.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

A LETTER from Indiana reads: "Here is a hand that has caused a lot of discussion at our club."

"Most partnerships landed at four spades played by North. East opened a heart and West would take his ace and queen of hearts and ace of clubs and then lead a third heart whereupon West would make a trump trick and beat the first one."

"A couple of pairs landed at three no-trump after a double by North and repeated no-trump bids by South. In each

NORTH ♠			
AKQ8			
7			
KQJ974			
10			
WEST (D)			
42			
AK853			
10			
AKQ8			
SOUTH			
9703			
K1004			
AB3			
J3			
North and South vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
1	Pass	2NT	Pass
2	Pass	4	Pass
3	Pass	5	Pass
Opening lead—A A			

case West was mean enough to open a club and the hand went down four tricks. How could we get to a four-spade contract played by South?

The bidding shown in the box does it nicely. South's one no-trump response to his partner's double is correct but when North bids two diamonds South should then go two spades. This shows exactly what he holds. Four bid spades and a fair hand.

Incidentally, a low club opening will beat South's four spades but I doubt very much if such defense would ever come off.

♥CARD Sense♥

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Pass 2NT Pass
3 Pass 3 Pass
3 Pass 3 Pass
You, South, hold:
AK65 ♥KQ ♠A105 ♣K1087
What do you do?

A—Bid four clubs. You have very good cards and your partner is most disinterested in no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner continues with a bid of four spades. What do you do now?

Answer on Saturday

Feminascope

by JOY MATTHEWS

ARM'S-LENGTH APPEAL



PICTURE BY JOHN COLE

Spring Bares A New Secret...

THERE'S a hullo to arms this spring. Legs got the leg-up in 1958. Bosoms were boosted in 1957. But now women are up in arms in Paris, New York, and London.

Every other dress and blouse I've seen during the last few weeks has been sleeveless. The new three-piece idea—a skirt, top to match, and jacket—always pares down to show a pretty arm.

At the Christian Dior London show, 19 of the dresses or blouses were bare to the shoulder. Even the thick woolen dresses were sleeveless.

Diana Wynyard, who has just returned from a stay in

New York, is a real authority on arms and the beauty.

"American women care for every inch of their skin, so I guess the habit of smoothing hand cream on my arms as well as on my hands," she told me.

THE DRESS in the picture is high-necked, bare-armed. It is made of linen in white and creamy pastels, lightly embroidered with beads and belted.

Keep Flexible And Keep Young

By IDA JEAN KAIN

Are your joints stiff and "older" than your legal age? When burdened with excess pounds or habitually used in a limited way, joints lose flexibility. Also, too little physical activity in daily life can age joints alarmingly—they can be 10 to 15 years older than your birthdays.

If the motion in any joint is limited, don't "favour" it. Consult an orthopedic specialist, an osteopathic physician or an authority in corrective gymnastics.

Think of the joints as allowing ease of motion. Nature did

a superb job of designing the joints to best fit our everyday needs. There is a ball and socket joint at the shoulders and hips which permits movement in all planes and rotation besides. Other types of joints are hinge joints, like those in one plane, such as the hinge of elbow and ankle. The wrist joint permits movement in two planes.

The oil of exercise is needed to keep the joints in smooth working order. Here is a simple routine to encourage

joint flexibility. Since the neck is a common tension spot, let's begin there.

Sit with spine straight, shoulders relaxed and level. Slowly turn your head to bring chin in line with shoulder. Now bend your head, aiming to touch chin to collarbone, and hold this position for a few seconds. By holding the position, the joint structures will begin to stretch. It takes practice. Slowly return to position, turn head in opposite direction and repeat. Do not raise shoulder. Avoid any forced or jerky motion.

To release shoulder tension, shrug shoulders loosely. Hunch shoulders up toward ears and move the shoulders back, down and around in relaxed lazy circles.

Now let's put shoulder joints through their full range of motion. Swing alternate arms rhythmically in wide, loose circles, swinging up, around, back and down. Then swing both arms together in wide circles, and follow through by crossing arms in front of body—swing in, up, then down and around and repeat.

Carry on by putting all the joints through their complete range of motion—daily. Bend the knees. If deep knee bends are beyond you, sit on a table and swing legs back and forth at the knee joints, free and easy. Standing, swing legs at hip joints, then make wide circles, moving the hip joints through their full range. Stretch and bend finger joints, toes, ankles. And do a few sidebends to keep waist "joint" limber.

Keep supple—keep young!

Thirsty Without Knowing It?

MAYBE you are thirsty and don't know it.

Thirst is Nature's way of warning us that our bodies require water. But sometimes this need of water can become great without any sensation of thirst.

Under ordinary conditions, drinking a glass of water will quench your thirst. So, well, sucking on a piece of ice or even chewing a piece of gum. The latter increases the saliva

flow, thus easing the thirst sensation.

However, this very habit—excessive gum-chewing—can sometimes hide the thirst sensation. It keeps the membranes so moist that they may not function in the proper manner.

Habitual smoking or mouth breathing also can mask the thirst sensation by keeping these membranes dry. Thus you become somewhat insensitive to this moderate degree of dryness.

Then, too, you may become so occupied in your job or some other activity that you don't even notice the minor discomfort generally associated with a moderate degree of thirst.

Don't Realize It

Sometimes the need for water is present even though you are not thirsty enough to get up and get a drink.

Your body needs an adequate water supply to function properly. Most of your body, in fact, is water.

If you weigh, say, 160 pounds, about 100 pounds may be water. There is water in all body cells and between all cells. Your muscles are more than 70 per cent water and your blood is 90 per cent water.

A human being can go without water for as long as eleven days, but if food is eaten during this period, death will occur more quickly, since water is needed in metabolism of the food.

How Much to Drink

How much fluid, then, should a person drink during the course of an average day?

It is impossible, of course, to lay down any hard and fast rules. Under ordinary circumstances, however, I think between six and eight glasses a day, but no less is sufficient.

If the weather is extremely hot, and you are working hard, you may lose three quarts a day or more in perspiration and elimination processes. This has to be made up by consuming three quarts of fluid daily.

You can get this by drinking water, tea, coffee, milk or other beverages, and by eating moist foods. The average diet furnishes approximately three and one-half pints of water a day.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I've given Sis exclusive on the phone from 8 to 9 and she's giving me exclusive from 9 to 10!"

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Mr. Punch And The Birds

—Knaft Learns About His Feathered Friends—

By MAX TRELL

"MR Punch," said Knaft, the Shadow Boy with the Turned About Name, as he went up to his old friend, "do all birds lay eggs?"

Mr Punch, who was sitting at his desk writing a letter, continued writing for a moment longer. "Yes," he said at last, "every bird that I know lays eggs."

Knaft asked Mr Punch what birds he knew.

Chickens And Ducks

"Well," said Mr Punch, as he rubbed the top of his head with the back of his pen, "let me see now. One of the birds I know is a chicken. She lays eggs. Another bird I know is the duck. She also lays eggs. They're a bit bigger than the eggs laid by the chicken, but they're real eggs just the same."

"Do geese lay eggs?" asked Knaft.

Mr Punch nodded. "Geese lay eggs and so do turkeys. Those are all the birds I know," said Mr Punch.

Knaft was just about to say something when suddenly he remembered the letter he was writing at the top of his voice.

Serious Omission

Mr Punch looked around with an expression of astonishment on his face.

"Oh dear," he said, "I almost forgot you, didn't I?"

Mr Punch pointed to the Canary in his cage to one side of the window.

The Canary kept chirping at the top of his voice.

"Yes, yes, yes," said Mr Punch to the Canary, "I'll tell Knaft all about it!"

Then Mr Punch leaned over and in a low voice said to Knaft: "Canaries lay eggs all right. But they have to be lady canaries. He," said Mr Punch, motioning with his hand toward the Canary in the cage, "is a gentleman Canary."

Canaries, Too

"Then why is he making so much noise?" asked Knaft.

"Oh, he just wants to be sure that I don't forget to tell you that Canaries—lady Canaries—lay eggs just like ducks and

geese and hens and turkeys."

Mr Punch said this to Knaft, he burst into a very cheerful song. It sounded like: "Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you."

"Thankyou are very big birds," said Knaft. "I bet they lay the biggest eggs."

"Oh no," said Mr Punch. "There are many birds bigger than turkeys. Eagles and vultures lay bigger eggs than turkeys. As for ostriches, they lay enormous eggs."

"How enormous?" asked Knaft.

Mr Punch made a shape with his hands like a football.

Knaft laughed. "One ostrich egg would make enough scrambled eggs for everybody in this house."

"I'm sure it would," said Mr Punch. "It's a pity you can't buy ostrich eggs at the grocer's."

Mr Punch was just about to return to writing his letter, for Knaft had thanked him and was already turning to leave the room when all at once Mr Punch thought of something else.

"I forgot to tell you about one other bird that I know about. She lays the coldest eggs in the world!"

"The coldest eggs in the world?" repeated Knaft, as he came back to Mr Punch's desk. "They're laid right on the ice," said Mr Punch.

"What birds lay eggs on top of the ice?" asked Knaft.

"The Penguin," said Mr Punch. "I know you don't think the Penguin is a bird. But it is! It's a bird just like the hen, the goose, the duck, the turkey, the ostrich and—no, I haven't forgotten you—the Canary!"

Knaft smiled and the Canary chirped and Mr Punch went back to writing his letter.



"Mr. Punch," Knaft asked, "do all birds lay eggs?"

Rupert and the Blunderpuss—17



After his dive and his failure to catch the mysterious black thing Rupert kept very still, expecting to be scratched as it lands on him. When that does not happen he sits up to find that the creature is grinning and dancing around him. "Goodness, you are a sort of cat!" he whispers. "Why are you grinning? I do believe you want to play! Were you only having a game with poor Dinkie?" He gets up and the thing bounces up and down and dashes away as if inviting him to follow.



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The Men On Patterson's Trail NINO VALDES THE UNPREDICTABLE

By DENNIS HART

Given the chance, Nino Valdes might win the world heavy-weight title—decisively and spectacularly. Given the same chance, he might fail—completely and pathetically. For when Nino Valdes is good, he is very, very good. But he can be bad. Then he is terrible. In his 20 years as a professional boxer he has often been spoken of as a future world champion, and just as often written off.

The New York Boxing Managers' Association voted unanimously to recognise Valdes as world champion, instead of Floyd Patterson. This move, dictated as much by boxing politics as by any sense of fair play, will not get anyone anywhere. But it suggests that Senor Valdes of Cuba must be taken seriously when the world title is under discussion. What makes him so good, and so bad?

Graceful

Let's take the good side first. His magnificent 6 ft. 3 in. frame is made for fistle combat. An ox would be proud to have his breadth of shoulder developed when he humped two hundredweight sacks of sugar for a living.

From the shoulders, his body tapers to a slender waist. He moves with the grace of the dancing champion he once was, snaking out punches with an extensive 6 ft. 6 in. reach.

Getting the most out of these considerable fighting attributes, Nino picked up the Cuban heavyweight title from that tough guy Ornelio Ayraumont, beat former world champion Ezzard Charles, and became No. 1 contender for the world title held by that even tougher character, Rocky Marciano.

Marciano paid Valdes the supreme compliment of looking the other way when a meeting with Nino was suggested.

The champion preferred to tackle Britain's Don Cockell, and took nine rounds to do to Cockell what Valdes later accomplished in three.

Voodoo Victim

So much for Nino, the much written-up. Nino the written-off has been outpointed by Bob Baker, and by Bob Satterfield. He has been beaten twice by Eddie Machen—who was knocked out in one round by Ingemar Johansson. He has been beaten by Zora Foley—who was recently outpointed by Henry Cooper.

Many are the reasons advanced for the fluctuation of the Valdes fortunes. Manager Bobby Gleason puts forward this theory:

"Nino was a voodoo victim. The hex was laid on him by his trainer. Now the trainer has gone, so have all his superstitions."

Among these superstitions was an aversion to colour. He refused to fight in anything but white trunks. So when the British boxing authorities objected to his white trunks, he wore them underneath red ones for his fight with Don Cockell. The opinion of Mr. Gleason, who, like most fight managers, is seldom lost for opinions, makes an interesting point of view.

The real reason for Valdes' ups and downs is, I fancy, more mundane.

Despite his natural ability—or because of it—Valdes needs someone behind to drive him. Really talented sportsmen tend to take things a little easily. He is keen—but in the manner of an exuberant school-boy, and subject to the same quick changes of mood. At heart, "Nino" is just a big boy. His nickname means "child." Given his full name, he is Gerardo Ramos Ponce Valdes.

Light-Hearted

Channelled into fighting fury, his exuberance spells danger to any opponent. But light-hearted Nino is not always in the mood. He has been known to enter the ring with a couple of superfluous laches thickening his waist.

Another question against Valdes is whether he can take it, as well as hand it out. This query applies, though in lesser degree, to Cooper and Johansson, too.

10 Entries For Asian Junior Cup Soccer

Kuala Lumpur, March 25. Ten nations will compete in the Asian Junior Cup soccer tournament to be held in Kuala Lumpur from April 18, officials said today.

They are Burma, Hongkong, Ceylon, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore and Malaya. The tournament is due to last about ten days.—Reuter.

Fistic Re-Education

Gleason set about Valdes' fistic re-education. In the next twenty months, Nino had eleven fights.

Gleason has done all he can to establish his man as champion of the world. But the best-laid plans are not foolproof—as Gleason will remind anyone who asks him about Valdes' encounter with cruiserweight champion Archie Moore.

The affair still brings a pained look to Gleason's eyes. He had been allowed to name his own referee and chose James J. Braddock, the former world champion.

"I got Braddock the job," says Gleason, "so the least you would think he could do is to lean just a little way in my favour if the decision was close."

Another Omen?

He makes the point more in sorrow than anger.

Valdes emerged from the fight with a cut eye, and Moore got a crack at Marciano. So Valdes decided that the omen were not good in America and came to Britain to press his claims and to pick up some useful spending money.

He made three trips and, in turn, demolished Don Cockell, Dick Richardson and Joe Erskine.

But on his 1955 visit, there was a slight mishap, during an sparring session he was on the receiving end of a too-enthusiastic training punch. This caused him to pad out his head guard with cotton wool for future sessions and to don dark glasses for social occasions for the next couple of days, chose The over-zealous sparring partner was a promising young British heavyweight called Henry Cooper.

Could this be another omen?



NINO VALDES . . . the fighter with the grace of a dancing champion.

Hongkong Soccer Team Leave For Asian Cup Preliminaries

Hongkong's soccer team for the Second Asian Cup tournament, left the Colony this morning to play two elimination matches in Manila against the Philippines and Taiwan.

The Colony contingent consists of 18 players and six officials.

Mr A. J. Hussain, team manager of the Hongkong side, said before he boarded the PAL aircraft for Manila, "Hongkong stands a good chance in this elimination tournament, as the team is fit physically and has fine teamwork."

TWO GAMES

He said that between March 29 and April 7, Hongkong will play two games against the Philippines and Taiwan. "But because the Japanese team has withdrawn," he added, "we may return sooner than April 8."

This year the host nation for the tournament is Korea, winner of the First Asian Cup. The final will be played in Seoul next year.

The Asian Cup contest is decided every four years after elimination games in the four zones of Asia, North, South, East and West. Hongkong is playing in the Eastern zone.



In spite of the hockey season drawing to a close, the number of fixtures that have to be completed is out of all proportion. There are still quite a number of league games to be played off, and whilst these are going on, the Holland Cup also starts its run of fixtures.

On Sunday, at Sookunpo, Army 'A' are due to meet the Hongkong Hockey Club in the preliminary round of the Cup. Bully-off is at 2.30 p.m., and it is hoped that this game will not end in a draw, as the picture will then be completely confused.

With Army 'A' having a really good team, strong in all departments, it is hoped that we will be able to break the monopoly of Recreo 'A', who were successful in winning both the Cup, and the league last year.

Army 'B' have drawn a bye into the first round, and on paper 'A' should emerge as winners by a convincing margin. But one can never tell, and in this game I am keeping my shirt where it belongs. Once again the ground is Sookunpo, and the bully-off is at 4 o'clock.

To pick up the back-log of league fixtures there are some more games on Wednesday. Nav Bharat 'A' are down to meet Army 'A', and IRC 'A' meet Army 'B', again at Sookunpo. It looks as though the groundsmen at Sookunpo are going to be rather busy for the next few weeks. In both games the bully-off is at 5.30 p.m.

Must Win

If Army 'A' are to be in at the kill, they must win both their league games. Their final game in the league is against Recreo 'A'. Early on in the season Army 'A' beat Recreo 'A' very convincingly by three goals to one, but were themselves defeated by Nav Bharat 'A' by one goal to nil.

To sum up Army 'A' must go all out to win their three remaining fixtures in the league. This they are quite capable of doing.

But there is one black spot in this bid. Watts, the captain, has broken his ankle, and will be out of all sports for the rest of the season. A very severe blow to all our hopes, but with some very strong reserves to call upon we should still be in the running.

Both Army football teams are going through a most unsettling period at the moment. On the last bout the first team lost six of their players, and the reserves lost four.

This is a very high loss from any point of view, and has been a very severe headache to both players, and officials.

Last Sunday the Reserves were eliminated from the Junior Shield by South China. The score was 3-1 in favour of our opponents, and in this game it was very noticeable that fitness counts. By half-time the score was one all, and it was 1-0 by 60 minutes.

For the first ten minutes of the second half Army were still holding their opponents, but then the pace began to tell. South China scored a further two goals, without reply and so entered the final of the Shield.

Two Colony 'Caps'

On Sunday the Colony Inter-port game against Macao is due to take place. We have two representatives in this game. Woodcock has been chosen to play at centre-half, and Sharp at left-back. Green, the goalkeeper is chosen as reserve. Kick-off is at 4.30 p.m., and I am quite sure that there will be a good following from the supporters of both Woodcock and Sharp.

Leaving

To make the picture really black SSI Burdett, who has been the trainer for a very considerable time, is also leaving in May.

These changes of a considerable number of riders in mid-season don't help the players or the officials, but I am quite sure that with the right blend of experience from such players as Woodcock, etc., the two teams will settle down, and give of their best. There is plenty of talent among all the enthusiasts, but this must obviously be brought out for the benefit of both teams.

With one game to play

Army 'South' still require two points to clinch the Colony first division cricket championship. Last Saturday, at Sookunpo, they came unstuck against HKCC 'Scorpions'.

Morkill won the toss, and elected to bat. With 71 runs on the board for the loss of two wickets 'South' were really showing their form. They then lost three quick wickets, and things began to look rather bleak. However, Saddler and Sevenonks got together, and runs once again came. By the fall of the sixth wicket they had retrieved the position, and the total had reached 121.

Tragedy

Then came tragedy. The last four batsmen could only muster 12 runs among them, and the Army South were all out for 133.

This looked a reasonable total on paper in spite of a good opening stand by the opposition. By the fall of the fifth wicket 'Scorpions' were 105 and it seemed as though anything could happen.

Their next two batsmen were not to be denied, however, and they eventually ran out the winners by five wickets.

The position in the league now is that three teams are still in the running. Army 'South', HKCC 'Scorpions', and Kowloon Cricket Club.

As already stated 'South' still have one game to play. The 'Scorpions' also have one, and KCC have two. Army 'South' on the post, if they win their two remaining matches, but my shirt is still on 'South'. This weekend they play Recreo, and must be considered hot favourites to win.

League Standings

First division league standings are—				
	P	W	D	L
Army 'South'	10	10	3	40
Scorpions	10	9	0	42
KCC	13	7	0	30
RAF	20	6	0	38
IRC	18	7	2	37
Optimists	18	7	0	34
Recreo	17	3	7	31
CCC	10	6	5	29
Army 'North'	18	5	12	21
Navy-Dockyard	19	2	0	11
Police	18	3	1	13

WORLD TABLE TENNIS TEAM, INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS START TOMORROW

A total of 460 players of both sexes from 46 different countries will clash in the World table tennis team and individual championships in the Westfalenhalle covered stadium here as from Good Friday. Once again the Japanese will start favourites.

For ten days (up to and including April 5), the best table tennis players in the world will meet to fight out for the Swaythling Cup (Men's teams), Corbillon Cup (Women's teams), the men's and women's singles, and the doubles and mixed doubles titles.

Chinese Challenge

They will play on 16 tables in the stadium, which can seat 12,000 spectators.

Japanese supremacy this year may be seriously threatened in the men's events by the players from China, who have twice beaten decisively during the past few months the Hungarian national team, which had up till now held the position of second best in the world after Japan.

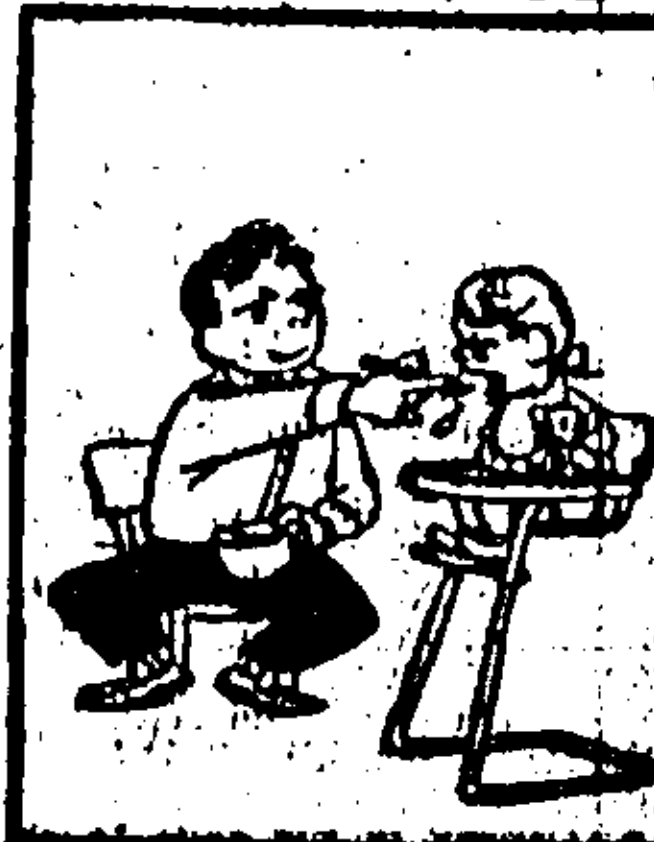
The South Vietnam team, after their brilliant showing at last year's Asian Games in Tokyo, are tipped by many specialists here as among the best outsiders in the championships.

Easier Time

Japan should have an easier time in the women's events, unless the world championships reveal genuine Chinese champions. After the forfeit of Rumania, traditionally the strongest European women's team, Hungary and England should prove the best of the European sides.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLE . . .

by Barry Appleby



THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

10TH (EASTER) RACE MEETING

Saturday 28th and Monday 30th March, 1959.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 24 RACES

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an admission badge which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting will be admitted.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and 382 Nathan Road only on the written introduction of a Member.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$48.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Aguiar Street during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 26th March, 1959, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race on 30th March, 1959 and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1959, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Club's Cash Sweep Office at:—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong on:—

Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 21st March 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Saturday 28th March and Monday 30th March 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon on:—

Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 21st March 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD,

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Arrival of Manila Yacht Club team for Interport Regatta, 3.00 p.m.

31st K. team leaves for Asian Cup soccer tournament in Manila.

Scottish Soccer Results

London, March 25.

Results of tonight's Scottish football matches were:

DIVISION I

St Mirren 3, Aldershot 3. (Brought forward from April 11).

Celtic 4, Aberdeen 0. (Postponed on January 17).

DIVISION II

Morton 3, Ayr United 3. (Postponed on January 17).—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th April, 1959, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 1st April, 1959.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Bayer's TONIC

St Mary's Win Hospitals Cup

Richmond, March 25.

St Mary's Hospital beat St Bartholomew's by six points to zero in the replay of the Hospitals Cup Rugby Union final here today.—Reuter.

MINOR UNITS 'B' WIN ARMY SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT

By PAK LO

By covering like the champions they undoubtedly were, by hard tackling, and by taking every chance offered them the Minor Units "B" seven beat the Sappers "A" by eight points (one goal, one try) to five points (one goal) in the final of the Army Inter-Unit Seven-a-Side Competition yesterday evening on the Army ground at Boundary Street.

After the match the winners were presented with their trophies by Lady Bastyan before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

On their route to the Championship the Minor Units "B" put paid to the holders and strong favourites, the Green Howards "B", in the semi-finals by 10 points to three points in a fast and exciting match which saw the Green Howards take the lead in the opening minutes and then fall away to give this fine side a well-deserved victory.

Moore-Durelle Return Fight On July 15

Montreal, March 25.

World light-heavyweight boxing champion, the ageless Archie Moore, has agreed to meet Canadian fisherman-boxer Yvon Durelle in a return fight on July 15 in Montreal, it was learned today.

It was understood that Moore would receive 40 per cent of the gate money and that Durelle's purse would be based on a percentage of the takings to be determined later.

Moore, retaining his world crown by defeating Durelle in Montreal some months ago.—France-Press.

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They also knocked out Sappers "B" in the quarter-finals, and surprised everyone in their first round when they overcame 32nd Med "A" by three points to nil.

In the exhibition match the RAF Mainland proved that their Blarney Stone triumph was no fluke when they again beat the Blarney Stone runners-up the Police "A" by three points to nil, having beaten them in the Blarney Stone by 5-3.

The Sappers "A", on their way to the Final knocked out the Minor Units "A" by 8-5, the Green Howards "A" by 10-0, the 5th Field "A" by 11-0, and then with victory almost within their grasp had to bow to the Minor Units "B".

Sappers "A" v. 5th Field "A"

The Sappers wasted no time in this match and the kick-off went to within ten yards of the 5th Field's line where a scrum was awarded to the Sappers.

The ball came out on the Sappers' side and Winn passed out. Horton missed to make it 3-0 with only a minute gone.

Three minutes later Horton converted a penalty to make it 6-0, and just before half time Church got the ball from a loose maul, broke through and sent Hill over to score underneath the posts. Horton converted, 11-0.

In the second half the Sappers were obviously relying on their lead to see them through to the Final and with this in mind they eased up as much as

possible, and for the whole of the second half the 5th Field were attacking strongly but could find no gaps in the Sappers' defence.

Green Howards "B" v. Minor Units "B"

The Minor Units "B" attacked from the start but the Green Howards went first into the lead when Goulds intercepted inside his own half, broke through and passed to Woods who went the last thirty yards to score under the posts. Goulds converted, 5-0.

This did not deter the Minor Units and they pressed back and were awarded a penalty which McCormac converted to bring them back into the game and make the half time score 5-3.

Early on in the second half Kirkland got away and had only a few yards to go when Woods managed to force him out. But from the lineout the ball went out to Bird who scored well out. McCormac converted to make it 8-5, and give the Minor Units "B" victory.

Sappers "A" v. Minor Units "B"

The Sappers were beaten by a team who trusted one another and left one man to cover each opponent. And excellent coverage it was, for the Sappers never looked happy, and their passing was indifferent.

The first score came from a scrum on the half-way line and after some neat swerving runs the ball finally went to Stummer who crossed over and went round to score under the posts. McCormac converted, 5-0.

The Sappers pressed back and eventually managed after a lot of hard work to make an extra man and the ball moved well across the three to Hill who scored under the posts. Horton converted, 5-5.

Wonderful Covering

Early in the second half only wonderful covering by the Minor Units three stopped another certain score, and the Minor Units were held deep inside their own 25.

Then the ball went to McCormac who outpaced everyone with a lovely run that took him all the way from within ten yards of his own line to cross the Sappers' line as the final whistle went, 8-5.



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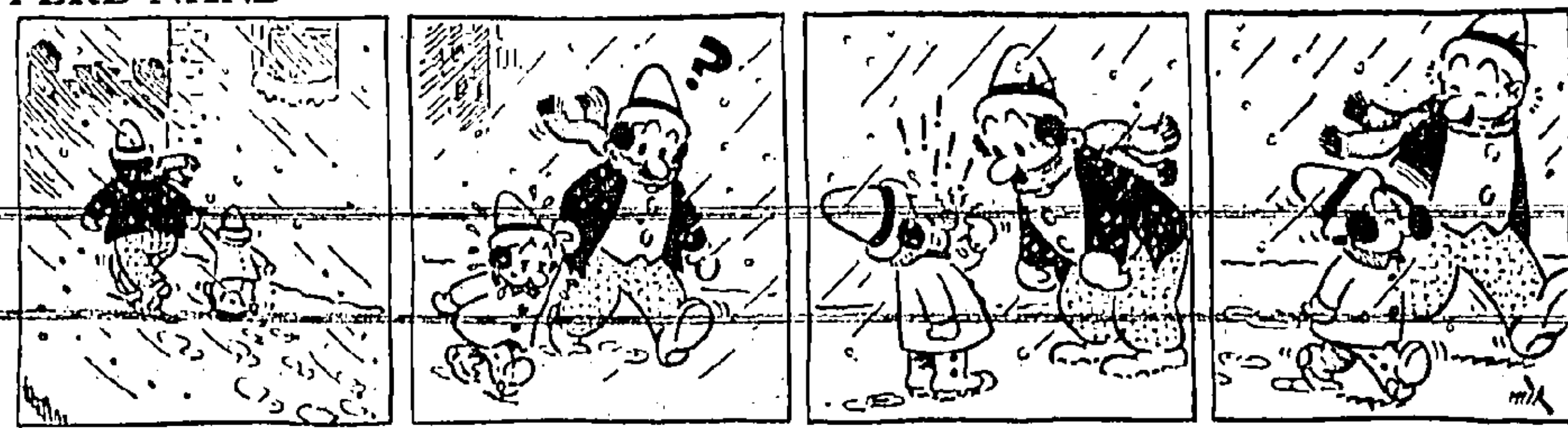


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CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

White's attacking method in the following game (Vasjukov v. Perot) is one of the best against the popular Sicilian Defence. 1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, P-K3; 4 Kt-K3, Kt-KB3; 5 Kt-QB3, P-KK3; 6 B-K2, P-QB3; 7 P-B3, B-K12; 8 Q-Q2, Kt-B3; 9 O-O-O, Kt-Kt; 10 B-Kt, O-O; 11 K-K1, P-QK4; 12 P-KK4, B-K2; 13 P-QB3, Q-Q2; 14 P-KR4, B-B3; 15 P-R5, P-R4; 16 P-P, BP-P; 17 P-K5, Kt-K1; 18 B-K3, B-K6 ch, K-R3; 19 B-K6 ch, K-R3; 20 B-P ch, or 18... P-K3; 19 Q-R2, P-K5; 20 B-P, K-KB; 21 B-P.

Solution No. 5586: 1 R-D7 (threat 2 R-KK7), Q-Q2; 2 Kt (4)-Q2, or 1... Q-Q2; 3 Kt-QB, or 1... Q-K8 ch; 4 Kt-B3.

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A THOUGHT FOR EASTER
Let Loose In The World

"CHRISTIANITY has failed to bring peace to the world. It is not the religion for a scientific age." This battle-cry of one of the resurgent ancient religions in Asia has popular support, and not a few in the Western world are wondering whether our excursions into space have not rather weakened the foundations upon which our faith stands.

At various points in history, Christianity has had to ride out a storm. In the seventh and eighth centuries, Islam tore away about half of Christendom and many of the oldest Churches perished. In later centuries, rationalism left it battered and torn. The spectacle of great Christian nations locked in a fight to the death shattered the faith of some. Yet the Christian Church has ridden out these storms and the tide has carried it forward to its highest point of achievement. Its power of survival is inherent in its fundamental message.

THE death of Jesus of Nazareth was not the ultimate end of another young man bold enough to raise his voice against an oppression of his people—it was the climax of a divine plan. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself," the Cross bridged the gulf between God and man.

Stark and dramatic it was, yet not enough to carry the new faith into the Roman world. Many men had died for good causes. A supposed conversation between the wife of Pontius Pilate and the centurion who directed operations at Calvary gives the clue to the source of power in the Christian gospel. "So the Galilean is dead?" said Claudia. "Not dead," came the reply, "but let loose in the world." Let loose, we have seen Him! Upon this fact Christians in every age have staked their lives. The Apostles preached it from Jerusalem to Rome, and it still sends men into the steaming jungles and remote places of the earth.

Christianity is a unique content; it declares that God has come into action against the forces of evil so that through all the tangled strands of history a divine pattern is being woven. It affirms that the identical power which raised Christ from the dead is active in the world and is available to those who acclaim the Lordship of Christ.

It is not by displaying wisdom in politics or propounding trite ethical phrases or mildly protesting at this or that moral lapse in the community but by the positive re-statement of the significance of the Cross and the Resurrection in everyday life that the Church will fill its true role.

THERE is a personal aspect of the Christian message which compels attention. A commitment is involved; a man is not a Christian through some vague affiliation or ethic, but by adhering to a living Person. Great Christians in history give testimony to this. Paul the Apostle, Assisi the renowned Saint, David Livingstone, missionary hero, or even Dr. Billy Graham and countless others attribute their power to the living Christ.

This is the dynamic of the Christian message; it is the whole meaning of Easter. The Spirit of Jesus Christ is let loose in the world to meet human need at every level.

THE GOVERNOR AT CHUNG CHI



The Governor, Sir Robert Black, is seen in this photograph inspecting the physics laboratory during his visit to Chung Chi College this morning. — China Mail Photo.

SCHOOL WITH A DIFFERENCE

Its Aim Rehabilitation Of Young Delinquents
by ANDREW SLOAN

LYING in the shadows of towering Castle Peak in the New Territories, is a small white two-storied building with a long avenue of pine trees leading up to it.

In the surrounding garden, on a basketball court and in classrooms, groups of boys work and play happily.

Just like any normal school. But this one is unique. The Castle Peak Approved School is a home for delinquents up to the age of 16.

Here 112 boys live in clean, quiet surroundings. They keep to a regular timetable which calls them to rise at 7.30 and keeps them busy most of the day to 9 p.m. trade instruction, school work and sport—all adding up to general character training, which is the main aim of the school.

This school is the first of its type in the Colony. For the last five years it was run by the Salvation Army on a Government grant. However, Government decided to take over administration last April, when the grant expired.

Youths are only admitted to the school after a careful check has been made into their environment at home and other factors. When a juvenile offender appears before the magistrate to be committed to the Remand Home, the probation officer makes his enquiries, which he then places before the court, enabling the magistrate to make his decision on which of the various treatments available is most suitable for the case in hand.

Short Period
Teenager juvenile delinquents, or even slightly younger offenders, may either be placed on probation, sent for short period of training to a Remand Home, or for a longer period to the Castle Peak Approved School.

Older boys, depending on the seriousness of the crime, may also be sent to the Stanley Training Centre run by the Prisons Department, where the discipline is stricter and methods of training differ slightly from the Castle Peak school.

The Approved School is under the supervision of Mr. Mak Wing-hon, a man who is genuinely interested in the welfare and training of the youths in his care. Mr. Mak has been doing welfare work for the last 11 years, and he recently returned from the UK after a nine-month training course in juvenile welfare.

When he first took over the post last year, he began to apply some of the ideas he had picked up. First he divided the boys into four groups or "houses"—Cloud, Planet, Astral and Sun. (The initial letters make up the school initials, CPAS).

Age matters little to the boys—it is ability that counts—and the boys who show up best in all-round training profit from their efforts. Incentive payments of 30-50 cents a week

are made to the boys who remain highest on the "ability chart."

If, on the other hand, he shows exceptional keenness he may be voted a captain or vice-captain of his house, which means a raise of up to 80 cents a week. Misdeemeanors are few, because this means an automatic docking of pay.

Day's Leave
The four house-captains are given the privilege of a day's leave a week when he can visit his friends and relatives in town. He is given travelling expenses for the trip.

There are few restrictions on the boys. But they are under constant supervision by four supervisors and five trade instructors. The supervisors are also house-masters and are responsible for the boys in their particular house.

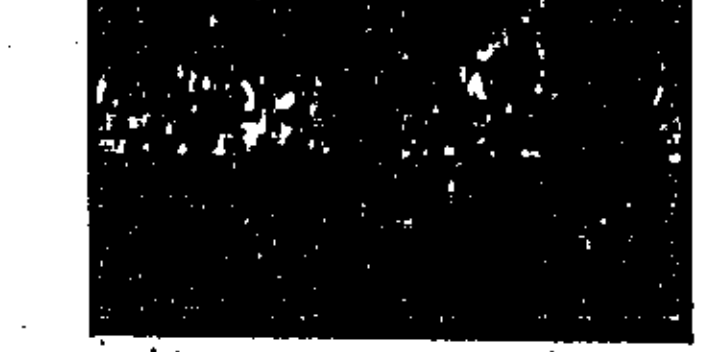
In fact, of all things, they try to gain the confidence of the boys. They have to be brother, father, teacher and friend.

There is only a small staff of 17 running the school at present, and it is slightly cramped for staff quarters. A new outbuilding is being constructed to house a large new dining hall, modern kitchen and additional staff quarters.

This will free a number of rooms in the present buildings, for other uses.

The boys are taught carpentry, tailoring (they make their own uniforms), leatherwork, rattan work, horticulture and the main classroom subjects, namely English, Arithmetic and Chinese.

But each day, an hour or so is set aside for sport, and they have plenty of opportunity and choice. They can play soccer, basketball, table tennis, volleyball, badminton. They can also go to a nearby beach for swimming, or go round to the back of the school to Castle Peak for hill climbing.



THE SCHOOL

However, Mr. Mak said, it is not difficult to build up a boy's character in the school. "What is more important is the after-care work. It is very difficult to find the older boys work when they have to leave."

"A case in question is typical. I have a 15-year-old boy who is due for discharge at the end of this month. He is a house-captain, and very popular with the other boys. His class work has been excellent and he is very keen. But I cannot find him a job."

New Rules
He mentioned a new legislation which is soon to be introduced providing a new set of rules for the school by which the school will have the power to discharge boys under the terms of a licence so that they can be placed under the supervision of a probation officer acting as an after-care officer.

Mr. Mak said that when they had first taken over the school four boys had tried to run away, but added proudly "not one has tried to run away in the last eight months. Why? Because we can give them everything here," he said.

The fire was brought under control at 10.17 a.m. and finally extinguished at 11.25 a.m.

The Chief Fire Officer told the China Mail this morning firemen rescued five people from the house where the fire originated, at 3, Lin Fat Street, Wanchai.

He said the cause of the fire is not known, but in one of the burning rooms, the Fire Brigade found a lot of cine film.

Fire-fighting operations were hampered by dense smoke and firemen had to use breathing apparatus. The area in which the fire broke out is very congested, and the Fire Brigade brought in the turntable ladder into action to stop the fire spreading to the upper verandah rooms.

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RENT DECONTROL REVIEW WELCOMED

Mr E. R. Childe, Chairman of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co. Ltd., at today's annual meeting, welcomed Government's decision to review the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

"We ourselves are not greatly affected one way or the other, as the majority of our flats are new and not subject to this ordinance and most of the remainder are held under sanctioned agreements which authorise us to receive higher rents than would otherwise be permitted."

Woman Robbed

Two men, one of them armed with a knife, held up and robbed a Chinese woman of a gold finger ring and a wrist watch in Shek Au Lung Village, Kowloon City at about 10.40 p.m. yesterday. The value of the stolen property is estimated at \$68.

Two Apartments

The net profit for the year ended December 31, 1958 was \$835,497. The directors recommended a dividend of \$1.50 a share and a carry forward of \$206,597.

The company had just completed two apartment houses in the final stages of its building programme. It was reported.

At the meeting Messrs H. Kadoorie and W. A. Stewart were re-elected directors and Messrs Pent, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were reappointed auditors.

The meeting also resolved to capitalise the sum of \$1,300,000 being part of the Company's Revenue Reserve by the issue of 130,000 shares of \$10 each fully paid in the ratio of one new share for every five old shares held by shareholders.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Mr Arthur William McGill, to be a chemist in the Medical Department.

Dr Shirley Chey Chih Wai to be a woman medical officer.

Mr William Dorward, to be acting trade officer, D. C. & I. during the absence of Mr Leigh-Bennett.

Mr G. T. Tass to be a member of the Port Executive Committee, instead of Mr B. T. Flanagan, who has resigned.

Mr C. Bleit ceased to be a member of the Port Welfare Committee following the return of Mr W. M. O'Byrne.

Lieut. H. M. A. Bristow, HKRNVR to be Hon. ADC instead of Lieut. D. R. Hussey.

12 Months For Phoney Revenue Officer

A man who impersonated a Revenue Officer to gain admission to two houses, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning.

Wong Ngok-chung alias Sok Chung, 27, unemployed of 9 Piesession Street, second floor, pleaded guilty.

Detective Sub-Inspector Chan Shu-shun said that on April 5 last, Wong and three friends, entered a house in Ho Pui Village, Tsun Wan by claiming he was a Revenue officer.

His friends took away from the house money, cigarettes, and wine.

Two days later, with two friends this time, Wong gained admission to a house at Six Milestone, Castle Peak.

He again claimed he was a Revenue officer. His friends took away money, cigarettes and wine.

It was not until two days ago that defendant was arrested by the police on information, Inspector Chan added.

Wong had a previous conviction for demanding money with menaces.

From the Files 25 years AGO

The wedding between the Rev. E.K. Quick, Headmaster of the Cathedral School, Shanghai (formerly of St Stephen's College, Stanley) and Miss Doris Barber of Kobe, will take place at Kobe on April 3.

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LOCAL naval and military authorities have learnt much that is of genuine importance as a result of the combined manoeuvres which were concluded yesterday morning.

Hitherto considered proof against attack by either land or water, Hongkong's Redland defenders yesterday suffered their first defeat. A strong invading "Bluebird" force, landing secretly under cover of a faint attack, succeeded in capturing important key positions.

The lessons learnt in the mimic battles—that have raged around Hongkong during the last three days will undoubtedly be instrumental in materially strengthening the hands of the authorities since, should the occasion ever arise when the defence of the Colony will become a reality, the weaknesses disclosed this week will have been remedied.

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Death Of Mrs Lilian Rocha

MRS Lilian Rocha, wife of Mr Alvaro (Aco) Rocha and mother of Jean, Carol and Dennis, died this morning at St Paul's Hospital. She was 39.

She also has two sisters, Mrs T. M. Castilho and Mrs C. M. Rozario and a brother Mr C. Foster in Hongkong, and another sister, Mrs A. Kyl, in Burma.

Mrs Rocha was for many years a member of the staff of Thoreson and Company.

The funeral will take place today, the cortege leaving the Hongkong Funeral Parlour and passing the monument at 5.30 p.m.

Town Planning Board Members

The following have been appointed members of the Town Planning Board for a period of a year. It was announced in today's Gazette.

The Director of Public Works, the Director of Urban Services, the Assistant Director of Public Works (Buildings) and (Engineering), the Commissioner for Housing, Mr S. E. Faber, Mr C. P. H. Su, Mr G. D. Smart, Mr R. H. Hughes has been appointed secretary.

A stone taken from the Gate House of the Knights of St John, London, which dates back to 1504, arrived in Hongkong on board the Carthage last week for the St John Ambulance Brigade in Hongkong.

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AT the age of 74, Mrs Maria Anna Ozorio Baptista, an old and highly respected Portuguese resident, has passed away. She died at her Kowloon residence, No 6 Hart Avenue, where she had been living with her children.

Her husband was formerly with Club Livingston and her son, Mr Cesar O. Baptista, with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and her daughter Aurea was organist at the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

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Sharp bends are to be eliminated from the Taiipo Road, according to a Government announcement. By the end of the year, motorists will be able to drive along Taiipo Road without being in constant fear of seeing other vehicles almost crashing into them from blind corners.

Wanchai Homes Damaged In Morning Fire

Three tenement houses in Wanchai were damaged by a fire which broke out shortly before 10 a.m. today. One old woman was slightly injured.

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THREE BURGLARS GAOLED

Three unemployed men who admitted burgling a house and stealing cash and a wrist-watch valued at \$180, were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 15 to 21 months by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning.

Two additional charges of simple larceny were preferred against Chow, Ming, 25, and Suen Chun, 26.

The charges said they stole an umbrella and \$120 from a woman on March 8 and a wrist-watch valued at \$180 from a US Navy man on February 13.

Sam Sun, 33, who had 13 previous convictions, was sentenced to 18 months' gaol.

Chow and Suen were sentenced to 15 months and 21 months respectively. Chow had 10, and Suen 16 previous convictions.

They were arrested on information last Saturday at their home on the roof of 49 Gloucester Road.

They admitted the offences under caution. The burglary was committed at No. 81 Hennessy Road, second floor, on March 15.

Detective Sub-Inspector D. Furniss prosecuted.

Visit To HK

M. Francois Laporte-Bisquit, head of Bisquit Dubouche et Cie, the French cognac firm, is due to arrive in Hongkong this afternoon with Madame Laporte-Bisquit in the course of an extensive business-holiday visit to the Far East.

Budget Proposals

The budget proposals approved at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council have been given the Governor's assent. It was announced in today's Gazette.

Warrant Revoked

The warrant appointing Mr W. R. K. Collings to be a special (marine) magistrate has been revoked following his retirement.



Boys are taught a trade, left, right, and right, cobbling.—China Mail Photo.

No Love For Johnny

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